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Julia is currently a Director at Harborough District Council, with over 16 years of experience in local government positions. Julia will start in the autumn and will succeed Jane Toman, who will retire next month after after spending 15 years at Blaby District Council – including 5 years as Chief Executive.  [You can read more on our website](https://www.blaby.gov.uk/your-council/news-and-awards/news/new-chief-executive-appointment/), and we'll bring you more about Julia and the Chief Executive role when she starts! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **😷 Getting vaccinated and tested is still vital** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | "People our age mix with other, so it gives the virus an opportunity to spread. if we get vaccinated we can protect vulnerable groups" NHS get vaxxed campaign | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Covid-19 is still with us, and infection rates have been much higher in recent weeks in Blaby district, as the [data shows](https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=Blaby).  We’re joining the campaign encouraging younger people to Get vaxxed so they can feel safe and confident as normal activities resume following 19 July.  As all restrictions are eased travelling abroad, visiting nightclubs, attending live music and sporting events, many still feel nervous and cautious about the unknown impact Covid-19 could have.  The virus is still a very real concern, but by having both Covid-19 vaccinations people can enjoy getting back to enjoying these activities with the confidence and knowledge that they are protecting themselves from catching or passing on the virus.  You can find your local clinic or book your vaccination on [the Leicester City Clinical Commissioning group page.](https://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/big-vaccination-weekend/)  To help make sure you're not passing on Covid-19 without knowing, regular twice-weekly rapid testing for people without symptoms is available for everyone. You should still be using testing if you have had one or both doses of the vaccine.  You can [order a test kit online](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests), or pick one up from many places across the district including chemists and leisure centres.  Find your [nearest testing site and collection point](https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/).  If you're not sure how to do a rapid test at home, visit one of the centres first.  You can then take a test kit home with you to use for subsequent weeks. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🚨 Mobile testing at the Blaby Beer Festival** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Graphic "Beer Festival" as text | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Mobile coronavirus testing units are travelling around the county offering residents the chance to take an on-site rapid flow test or collect home test kits.  The mobile test vans will be visiting [Blaby Beer Festival](https://www.facebook.com/events/1723330614518687/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5b%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D%5d%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D) up until the 31 July, where visitors who don’t have symptoms will have the chance to take a test.  Regular testing keeps you and those around you safe. Visit the [Leicestershire County Council page](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/regular-covid-testing-if-you-dont-have-symptoms) for more information on testing. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🏘️ Land sale agreed for proposed affordable housing** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Councillors have agreed to sell three pieces of land for the proposed building of up to 12 affordable homes, with another agreed sale to Whetstone Parish Council.  The sale of land will see:   * Whetstone Parish Council purchase the Trinity Road open space for £1, which contains the play area * Eight proposed affordable homes to be built on land off High Street, Whetstone * Two dementia friendly bungalows proposed at College Road, Whetstone * Two more affordable homes proposed for Station Road, Glenfield   Our latest Housing Needs Assessment has shown that 399 new affordable properties need to be built EACH YEAR to meet the housing needs of the District.  With more than 800 people on the housing register, building affordable homes of all types is vital to ensure we meet this need and can continue helping those on the housing register.  [Find out more on the website.](https://www.blaby.gov.uk/your-council/news-and-awards/news/land-sale-agreed-by-councillors/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **📝 Leicester Forest East Neighbourhood Plan** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Leicester Forest East street sign | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Calling residents and business in Leicester Forest East... a public consultation has launched on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and your views are needed.  Neighbourhood Plans are prepared by the local community for the local community. The contents of a Neighbourhood Plan, if approved, will be used when planning applications are decided alongside our Local Plan, and other planning considerations.  Main themes in the plan include housing, the 'natural and historical environment', community facilities and amenities, as well as employment and transport.  Find the plans below with more information, and how to send your views before the consultation closes on 14 September. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**View the Leicester Forest East Plan**](https://www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **😊 Kickstart Scheme placements still available** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Are you aged 16-24 and claiming Universal Credit, or know someone who is? We still have some exciting placement opportunities on offer as part of the Government Kickstart Scheme.  The deadline has been extended to 12 August. Speak with your Work Coach about what we have available. Whether it’s the varied world of Environmental Services, or working to help boost our local economy in the Economic Development team, there’s a placement for you!  Find more information about kickstart [by visiting their web page](http://bit.ly/3wXxYt2). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **👂 Dealing with noise nuisances** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Be a Good Neighbour graphic with text "Strike a balanced tone" |  |  | | --- | | Be a Good Neighbour graphic with text "Talk it and sort it out" | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Summer is in full swing, and we're sure lots of you will be making the most of the warm weather. However, some behaviour, like playing loud music or hosting late night parties, may be causing disturbance for neighbours.  If you’re the one experiencing neighbourhood noise disruptions, there are steps you can take to try and resolve the situation first before involving us:   1. Assess the situation – is this a one-off temporary situation or is it happening all the time? 2. Start a conversation by talking or writing a polite note. Your neighbour may genuinely be unaware. 3. Keep a record of what’s happening. Record the source on your phone too. 4. Time your response well - challenging noisy behaviour at 3am isn’t likely to go down well; it’s much better to have a quiet word the next day. 5. Move forward - it’s about what you can agree to make things better, not what has historically gone before.   These steps can help stop our team needing to take action, which could damage your relationship with that neighbour. Visit our [Neighbourhood FAQ page](https://www.blaby.gov.uk/environmental-issue/vandalism-and-behaviour/neighbour-noise-faq/) for more advice. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **🦊 Design your own Fosse Fox competition!** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A Fosse Fox in Fosse Park | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Heading to Fosse Park over the weekend for a day of fox-themed fun? You can find our Visit Blaby team behind a stall on Saturday (31 July) hosting their very own ‘design your own fox’ competition.  The winner can expect a B&B stay for four at the Castle Farmhouse B&B in Kirby Muxloe and two tickets for 360 Play at Meridian!  All you need to do is collect the design sheet from the stall, colour in a fox and share a photo of your entry on social media. Don’t forget to tag their @visitblaby [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/VisitBlaby/), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/visitblaby/?hl=en-gb) or [Twitter](https://twitter.com/visitblaby?lang=en) accounts and hashtag #fossefoxes. You can also enter by [visiting their website.](https://www.visitblaby.org.uk/events/fosse-foxes-family-fun-day/) You have until the 10 August to enter. Good luck! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **📅 Boundary Commission consultation** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Independent Boundary Commission for England graphic with text "It's your local area" | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | It's your last chance to have a say on proposed new constituency boundaries, which include the boundaries in our district. The first stage of the 2023 Boundary Review closes Monday 2 August.  The Independent Boundary Commission for England are planning to redraw the map of constituency boundaries to make the number of electors in each constituency more equal.  Complete the survey by [visiting their web page](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk/) and don’t let your opinion go unheard. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, screenshot  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Vaccination drop-in sessions continue to be offered across the city and county, and you can find details on the [Leicester City CCG website](https://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **📍 Upcoming events in our area** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | There's a whole host of events taking place across our district for all to enjoy! See the latest below:   * **Saturday 7 August, 11am-4pm:** [Braunstone Town Council Fete](https://www.facebook.com/events/783219525939447?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5b%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D%5d%7D), Mossdale Meadows   Visitors will be treated to go karting, donkey rides and a motorbike display.   * **Saturday 7 August, 1-4pm:** [Glen Parva Summer Gala](https://www.glenparvaparishcouncil.org.uk/), Dorothy Avenue Playing Fields   Glen Parva's special attraction this year is a 9FT T-Rex dinosaur! You can also find a disco dome and classic car show.   * **Saturday 21 August, 11.30am-6pm:** [Glastonblaby Charity Music Festival](https://www.facebook.com/events/3756473867723402/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5b%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D%5d%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D" \t "_blank), Circus Field, Blaby   Spend a day at Blaby's answer to Glastonbury - all whilst raising money for four charities: The Mission food bank, Blaby and Whestone Youth and Social Centre, Sort Touch Arts and The Travers Foundation.   * **3-5 September:** [The Victory Show,](https://www.thevictoryshow.co.uk/) Foxland Farm, Cosby   Visit the Victory Show for a glimpse into the 1940's, including static WWII aircraft, re-enactment groups and a 1940's themed dinner dance.   * **Saturday 4 September, 12-4pm:** [Narborough Fayre](https://www.narboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk/), The Parish Centre   You can expect a Produce show, cream tea and craft stalls! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated | | | |